

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
1:16 CR 148-2**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Vs.)	ORDER
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ASHLEY CHRISTINA LUNSFORD.)	
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THIS CAUSE came on to be heard and being heard before the undersigned at the close of a Rule 11 proceeding that was held before this Court on April 26, 2017. It appearing to the Court at the call of this matter on for hearing the Defendant was present with her counsel, B. Todd Lentz and the Government was present and represented through AUSA David Thorneloe. From the arguments of counsel for the Defendant and the arguments of the Assistant United States Attorney and the records in this cause, the Court makes the following findings:

Findings. On December 6, 2016 a bill of indictment (#1) was issued charging Defendant with four counts of knowingly and intentionally obstructing and delaying commerce by robbery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1951(a). On April 26, 2017 the undersigned held an inquiry, pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and accepted a plea of guilty of Defendant to count four of the bill of indictment. At the end of the Rule 11 proceeding, this Court presented the

issue of whether or not Defendant should now be detained, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2).

Discussion. 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2) provides as follows:

(2) The judicial officer shall order that a person who has been found guilty of an offense in a case described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of subsection (f)(1) of section 3142 and is awaiting imposition or execution of sentence be detained unless ----

(A)(i) the judicial officer finds there is a substantial likelihood that a motion for acquittal or new trial will be granted; or

(ii) an attorney for the Government has recommended that no sentence of imprisonment be imposed on the person; or

(B) the judicial officer finds by clear and convincing evidence that the person is not likely to flee or pose a danger to any other person or the community.

It appears that Defendant has now entered a plea of guilty to knowingly and intentionally obstructing commerce by robbery in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1951(a) which is considered to be a crime of violence as provided by 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)(A).

The undersigned made an inquiry of Assistant United States Attorney David Thorneloe as to whether or not there is going to be a recommendation that no sentence of imprisonment be imposed upon Defendant. Mr. Thorneloe advised the Court that such a recommendation could not be made in this matter.

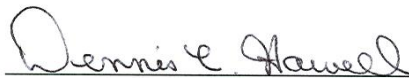
Due to the plea of guilty, the undersigned cannot find there is a substantial

likelihood that a motion for acquittal or new trial will be granted. As a result of the foregoing, it would appear, and the Court is of the opinion that the Court is required to apply the factors as set forth under 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2) which mandate the detention of Defendant.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that the terms and conditions of pretrial release in this matter are hereby **REVOKED** and it is Ordered Defendant be detained pending further proceedings in this matter.

Signed: April 27, 2017

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Dennis L. Howell
United States Magistrate Judge

